

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2064 without my signature.

Encouraging recreational activities in park poor areas for young people is a very worthwhile goal for our state.

This bill directs DPR to facilitate local active recreation opportunities in park poor areas and to enter into a lease of up to 25 years with local entities. However, DPR already facilitates active recreation activities in park poor areas through its Office of Grants and Local Assistance, which provides a substantial amount of financial and technical assistance to local entities for their park and recreation needs.

Local recreation opportunities should be provided by local entities on locally-owned property. Any exceptions should be made on a case-by-case basis following thorough analysis. Should an exception be deemed necessary, there is already an established process for DPR to enter into short-term and long-term leases.

For the above reasons I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger